



# SALEM FIRE-EMS NEWS RELEASE

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## JOHN PRILLAMAN PROMOTED TO DEPUTY CHIEF

The Salem Fire & EMS Department has announced the promotion of John Prillaman, effective immediately. Prillaman, the city's training officer since 2005, is now the Department's Deputy Chief.

"I would like to thank the City Manager and the Fire Chief for giving me this opportunity and I look forward to serving as the Deputy Chief of the Salem Fire-EMS Department," says Prillaman.

Prillaman began his fire fighting career in 1989 as a volunteer. For 11 years he served in that capacity in Roanoke County and also pulled double-duty from 1991-1995 as a Fire Protection Specialist in the United States Air Force. While with Roanoke Co., he rose to the position of Fire Chief of Company 11 before coming to the City of Salem. In 1998, Prillaman joined the Salem Fire and EMS Department and eventually was promoted to Senior Firefighter in 2001, Lieutenant and Training Officer in 2005 and Captain in 2006.

"John has proven himself to be very knowledgeable in the many different facets of the fire service," says Salem Fire and EMS Chief, Pat Counts. "His past experience has equipped him with a good work ethic, as well as the drive and determination to elevate the City's already efficient Emergency Services to the next level."

Prillaman earned his Bachelor's degree in Fire Administration as an honors graduate of Hampton University in 2004. In 2007, he also acquired his Master's degree in Public Administration from Virginia Tech. Prillaman was instrumental in the research, design and construction of the state-of-the-art Roanoke Valley Regional Fire Training Tower on Kessler Mill Rd. that opened last September and currently, he is enrolled in the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program.

Prillaman and his wife, Loretta, reside in Salem along with their two children.

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